



## Message from Secretary Andrew Cuomo

A safe and clean environment is the solid foundation of a healthy community. Unfortunately, for too long, our nation's environmental quality has been sacrificed and our neighborhoods have suffered the consequences. In this new century, marked by great prosperity and an information driven economy, we strive to protect all Americans from the lingering side effects of our nation's age-old industrial glory. I am pleased to join with EPA Administrator Carol Browner in launching a powerful new tool to build clean and safe neighborhoods. Healthy Communities Environmental Mapping or HUD E-MAPS, developed in partnership by HUD and EPA, provides local residents, governments and organizations with cutting-edge access to the information they need to protect their land, air and water as they revitalize their communities.

HUD E-MAPS springs from our strong conviction that all Americans have the right to know about the quality of the environment where they live, work, play and raise their families. Today, all you have to do is log on to the web to access the information necessary to make environmentally informed choices. Armed with this information, families, developers, local, state and Federal governments can work in partnership to build healthy and safe communities one backyard at a time.

Andrew Cuomo  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

## Healthy Communities Environmental Mapping

HUD E-MAPS is a free Internet tool that provides unique access to HUD's community development and housing programs with EPA's environmental data. For the first time ever, this vital community information is combined to maximize user-friendly access.

It provides:

- Location, type and performance of HUD-funded activities in every neighborhood across the country; and,
- Select EPA information on brownfields, hazardous wastes, air pollution and waste water discharges.

By providing greater accessibility to this information, we are giving local communities the means to take a more holistic approach to both development and environmental protection. For more information about HUD E-Maps, visit our website at [www.hud.gov/emaps](http://www.hud.gov/emaps).

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## A Community Environmental Planning Tool

Citizens, neighborhood organizations, housing authorities, research institutions, urban planners, community developers and state and local governments can use HUD E-MAPS to:

- Combine community development and environmental information about a local neighborhood in easy-to-understand maps;
- Learn about their neighborhoods, including where HUD and EPA programs are serving a particular community; and,
- Help communities plan a vision for the future.

## Cleaner and Healthier Neighborhoods

HUD E-MAPS helps communities plan smarter, healthier neighborhoods. Residents can see firsthand how proposed development will affect their communities. Community development and environmental agencies can identify hazardous waste facilities or polluting industries when planning economic development and housing projects. And developers will be able to leverage federal resources to spur revitalization.



## Message from the Administrator

I am pleased to be a partner with Secretary Cuomo and the Department of Housing and Urban Development on Healthy Communities Environmental Mapping, an important new tool to help revitalize American communities and protect the environment. Healthy Communities will provide a better way for residents to understand community development, housing and environmental information. With this effort, we are taking an important step toward our goals of making America's communities healthier, improving how we develop our land, and protecting the environment, neighborhood by neighborhood, community by community.

Carol M. Browner  
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Healthy Communities Environmental Mapping combines the power of Community 2020™ Planning Software with selected EPA environmental data to give residents and communities an integrated Internet mapping system.

To map your community, visit our web site at

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